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1. Pedro Saad, Acting Secretary General of the Communist Party of Ecuador, arrived in Quito on 29 March 1949 and immediately entered into closed conferences with local Party leaders. The PCE Central Committee had decided that Saad should abide by the Party statutes and change his residence from Guayaquil to Quito since the top Party leaders take a very serious view of the international situation and believe that Saad should be available in case of emergency. Cesar Endara, a member of the Central Committee in charge of political affairs, stated that Saad had refused to accept the decision of the Central Committee because he did not foresee any immediate necessity for moving to Quito permanently. Saad added that he would move to Quito in June 1949 to attend the PCE IV National Congress* and that he did not believe that anything of importance would happen before that.
2. Saad's reason for holding this opinion was a letter from a contact in Paris who had written that while the danger of war exists, indications are that it will not come this spring. The contact added that it is known that the United States is planning to start another war by using a surprise attack of enormous proportions, but that the USSR has already set up a means of counter-acting it.
3. The Central Committee has decided to use all available funds to publish El Pueblo again on a bi-weekly basis. Mario Luis Gomez de la Torre, PCE Secretary of Propaganda, is in charge of publishing the newspaper and worked on a four-page edition which was to be published on 4 April and a special Pan American edition to be published on 15 April. About 1500 copies of each edition were planned, to be distributed in Quito and Guayaquil. The principal distributors of El Pueblo in Quito are Gustavo Becerra, Luis Antonio Cofre, Manuel Rivas, and Salomon Mendoza.
4. The Central Committee has purchased a motion picture projector and has made arrangements to obtain a number of USSR propaganda films from abroad. The films are expected to arrive in Ecuador in May and will be used for propaganda purposes in small coastal communities.
5. Communist leaders in Guayaquil have been building up and creating new low-level units within the PCE during March. On 18 March the inaugural meeting of the Huancavilla cell was held and the following cell officers were present:

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Secretary of Finance	Jovita Huacón Ibarra
Secretary of Propaganda	Alfonso Veintimilla

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The PCE Central Committee met in a plenary session in January and set the date for the IV National Party Congress on 6 June 1949. For two years attempts have been made to set the date for the Congress, but each time that a date had been decided it had to be postponed. The PCE needs to hold a Congress to revise its statutes, to legalize numerous changes in its administration, and to elect new officers.

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